

BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

Sattley/Calpine Post Office, California 96124

Docket No: A2012-22

Debbie and Ken McMaster, Petitioners

PARTICIPANT REQUEST TO EXTEND PUBLIC RESPONSE

Members of the Postal Regulatory Commission:

It has come to my attention that the Postal Service has requested a motion to extend filing an answering brief to the administrative record on or before January 5, 2012. The Postal Service filing deadline was December 15, 2011. Participants deadline to reply to the Postal Service brief was supposed to be December 30, a timeframe of 15 days.

First of all, the Postal Service may indeed regret the delay but has not offered any good cause or reason for the extension, and this motion is already late by almost two weeks. This request at the very least should have been made by the December 15 deadline. We as Participants are bound by deadlines, and if we do not file statements or request extensions in a timely manner, certainly by a set deadline, there is no recourse. Nor should there be.

Secondly, I do not understand why the Postal Service needs more time to respond to the administrative record. It is their record after all and they made the Final Determination to Close our post office here in Calpine, discounting all the comments received. I oppose this request for an extension as I don't believe I as a Participant would receive special treatment by my filing deadline being extended, especially if I waited so far beyond the deadline to request it.

And lastly, the opportunity to respond by the Participants has been taken away by the Postal Service in their not filing this request by the December 15 deadline. If this time extension is allowed, I request that this courtesy be extended to the Participants and public as well. January 20, 2012 is a reasonable request to allow us an opportunity to respond to the Postal Service, if they do indeed submit their brief by January 5. If the Postal Service had responded by the December 15 deadline, Participants would have had a window of fifteen days to reply to the brief by the December 30 deadline. I request nothing more than that same opportunity.

Respectfully,

Debbie McMaster